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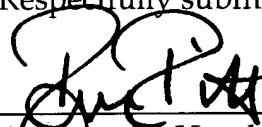
Support for the amendments made to the specification may be found in the original documents, as filed. For example the subject matter of the paragraph inserted at page 3, line 24 was to be found at page 2, lines 5-7 and the subject matter of the paragraph inserted at page 4, line 15 may be found at page 6, line 29 to page 7, line 2 of parent application number 10/031,103, incorporated herein by reference.

The claims have been amended, without narrowing, the better to define and increase the scope of the protection sought. More specifically, at least one limitation has been omitted or redefined in broader language.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination. Early and favorable examination is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's representative would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, they are invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

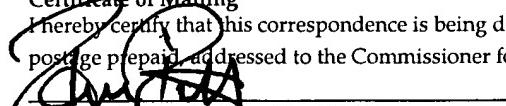
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